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ADAMS COUNTY TORNADO LANDOWNER INFORMATION SHEET

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In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Red Cross Assistance

The Red Cross has a variety of services available to meet your immediate needs at no cost. You can reach the Red Cross at 877-618-6628.

Brush & Debris Disposal

The Town of Preston transfer site on 1315 13th Lane (North of the Cottonville Dam) is open to town residents only for brush and building debris collection from 10-4 every day until further notice and dumpsters are available for town residents at the Preston Town Garage on Cottonville Avenue east of Hwy 13. The County Landfill (Ph: 608-339-9178) on 1420 Hwy 21 is open Monday-Friday 7-3. Call them for information on requirements. The Town of Monroe transfer site located at 958 18th Avenue is open to town residents only for brush, logs and stump collection from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. through April 29, 2011.

Debris Burning

Wildfire season is here and burning should be the last alternative! DNR burning permits are required to burn leaves, brush, pine needles, and clean or untreated wood only. All other items must be disposed of at local transfer or landfill sites (See section above on "Brush & Debris Disposal"). Nocost permits are available at One Stop Shop (1232 Hwy 13), the Old Mill Bar & Grill (1562 Hwy 21), and at the DNR Friendship Ranger Station (532 N. Main St.). Remember to check daily before burning by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or visit dnr.wi.gov/wisburn.

Work Safety

Make sure you use gloves, work boots and eye protection. Be aware of the danger of powerlines and the possibility of gas leaks. Be careful about entering buildings that may be unsafe. Injuries such as cuts, lacerations or puncture wounds will need treatment and you may need a tetanus shot. Your health care provider can also instruct you in the signs and symptoms of infection you need to be on the look out for.

Building Permits

If you will be fixing, replacing or demolishing structures on your property you will need a permit, which will be provided for free, from Adams County Planning and Zoning. You can also contact Planning and Zoning for an inspection to have your electric hooked up. Call (608) 339-4222 for more information.

Generator Safety

Make sure you plug the appliance directly into the generator. Avoid running the generator indoors or in a partially enclosed area due to the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Food & Water Safety

Without refrigeration, some foods can quickly spoil. Eating spoiled foods can be dangerous. Well damage may also be a concern. Contact the Adams County Health & Human Services at (608) 339-4505 for more information on food and water safety.

Chainsaw Safety

Operating a chainsaw is inherently hazardous. Potential injuries can be minimized by using personal protective equipment and safe operating procedures. Learn the proper way to start, fuel and operate a chainsaw at www.osha.gov or call 1-800-321-OSHA.

Beware of Scams

Unfortunately, scams and fraud often occur after natural disasters. Take time to get references on contractors to make sure they are reputable. You can check with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) at 1-800-422-7128 or online at datcp.state.wi.us. Beware of making snap decisions if someone contacts you for work.

Timber Theft & Fraud

Be cautious when working with unknown contractors. Research logging companies or individual timber buyers and get references from other landowners that have worked with the forester or logger you are considering hiring.

Emotional Support Services

Contact Adams County Health & Human Services at (608) 339-4505 for more information on emotional support services or the Red Cross at 877-618-6628.

For More Information Contact:

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